

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERBOROUGH

ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

C.R.

1949

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health:-W. Anley Hawes. M.B., B.S., D.P.H. Lond.
Part Time.Sanitary Inspector:-Mr. C. Green, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.
Whole Time Officer, who, in addition
holds the appointment of Surveyor,
Meat Inspector and Water Works
Manager.Assistant Sanitary Inspector:-Mr. D. W. Griffiths. M.S.I.A., A.R.
San.I.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for 1949. During the year the estimated population increased by 360.

The health of the District can again be considered very satisfactory with a Birth Rate of 18.7 and a Death Rate of 9.5 compared with corresponding figures for England and Wales of 16.7 and 11.7 respectively.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 14.7 per 1,000 live births is extremely satisfactory and compares most favourably with 32.0 for England and Wales. There have been no deaths from maternal causes and no deaths from diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age.

The evidence and severity of infectious diseases has again been very low, 7 reported cases of scarlet fever, 8 measles and 3 whooping cough and no cases of diphtheria.

Housing is still a major problem, many more houses being needed for those either homeless or living in in-sanitary or overcrowded conditions. 53 new houses have been completed at Eye, which village now has most satisfactory housing estates owned by the Council of 195 houses. 12 houses have been built at Glington. Work will shortly commence with new council houses at Castor (100), Marholm (6), Maxey (6), Newborough (20), Upton (6). 17 new houses have been completed by private enterprise. It has not been possible to commence the much needed sewerage system for the District. This lack of adequate sewerage disposal constitutes a major problem for the District, particularly in view of the increased rate of building of new houses and schools.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area.....	28,186.
Population	7,242. (increase of 36)
Number of inhabited houses	
according to Rate Book.....	2,139 (increase of 68)
Rateable Value.....	£19,123
Sum represented by Penny Rate.....	£72. 17. 6d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

			M.	F.
<u>Live Births</u>	Total	136	65	71
	Legitimate		63	70
	Illegitimate		2	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population:- 18.7
Corresponding figure for England and Wales:- 16.7

			M.	F.
<u>Still Births</u>	Total	6	1	5
	Legitimate		1	5
	Illegitimate		-	-

<u>Deaths</u>	Total	69	39	30
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Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population:- 9.5
Corresponding figure for England and Wales:- 11.7

Deaths from Puerperal causes Nil

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

		M.	F.
Total	2	1	1
Legitimate		1	1
Illegitimate		nil	

Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1000 live births 14.7
Corresponding figure for England and Wales 32.0

Deaths of Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births 14.7
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births nil
Deaths from Measles nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)..... nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2) nil

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1. (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

By contract with Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, under Dr. D. H. Fulton, at £10 per annum.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The ambulance service has worked efficiently and smoothly, no complaints have been received.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME.

Under the County Council Scheme the services of a District Nurse is provided for all villages.

(d) HOSPITALS

Infectious cases - Patients have been admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital. Accommodation has been adequate.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (1) WATER A piped supply obtained from the Peterborough City Corporation mains is provided for every village. Water has been adequate in quantity. No chemical or bacteriological tests have been made on behalf of the Council.

Details of water supplies to houses in the respective villages:-

<u>PARISH</u>	Total No. of Houses	From water mains:-				
		A. Supplied direct to house	Population represented thereby.	B. To Stand Pipes	Popul- ation repres- ented thereby.	C. From Wells
AILSWORTH	77	23	77	48	168	6
BOROUGH FEN	84	36	126	35	122	13
CASTOR	167	85	297	58	202	24
DEEPING GATE	82	47	164	33	115	2
ETTON	49	23	81	18	63	8
EYE	647	501	1753	135	472	11
GLINTON	190	141	493	47	164	2

HELPSTON	218	136	476	75	262	7
MARHOLM	49	18	63	28	98	3
MAXEY	107	54	189	33	115	20
NEWBOROUGH	217	142	497	65	227	10
NORTHBOROUGH	109	73	245	25	87	11
PEAKIRK	88	40	140	45	157	3
SUTTON	26	9	31	14	59	3
UPTON	20	8	28	12	42	-

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

It will be seen from the analysis of water supplies that the number of wells still in use in this low lying flat district emphasises the urgent necessity of providing a water borne sewerage system before further marked increase of house building takes place.

Furthermore the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor reports that the limit of sewerage disposal has been reached in the Eye works and cannot even take the drainage from the new school and that the disposal works at Glington are purely temporary and strictly limited in capacity.

No work on the main Sewerage Scheme for the District has been possible this year, but will be put in hand in stages in certain villages as soon as practicable.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection of house refuse and night soil is carried out by the contract.

The disposal of night soil in a satisfactory manner is difficult during certain periods of the year owing to lack of ground space from intensive cultivation of the land.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

No. of inspections made for all purposes	383
re-visits	427
Complaints - necessary action taken in all cases	170
Notices - informal	35
statutory	-

21 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

SECTION D. HOUSING

Houses inspected during the year	373
Statutory Notices served	0
Informal Notices	44

6 Informal Notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

House Survey.

373 further houses have been inspected and scheduled in the parishes of Etton, Maxey and Helpston. 24 cases of overcrowding were found. 99 houses were classified as 4 or 5 and marked for ultimate demolition.

Bowberry Road, Eye.

In the Surveyor's report it will be seen that good progress has been made with the building of new council houses.

Eye - 53 Which village now has council owned housing estate

of 195 houses, 123 of which have been built since the war.

Glington - 12 completed. 50 in building. Tenders for a further 40 houses have been accepted.

Schemes have been prepared for the provision of further houses at Castor 100, Marholm 6, Maxey 6, Newborough 20, Upton 6.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

Licences granted during the year:-

Producers (Wholesale)Nil
" (Retail)Nil

Licences cancelled during the year:-

Producers (Wholesale)Nil
" (Retail)Nil
Purveyors with premises outside the district.....2
Producers (Retail) with premises in "12
" (Wholesale) " " "33
" (Butter only) " " "8

55

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Bakehouses 3
Slaughter houses 5

(c) Registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act 1938.

Sale, Manufacture or Storage
of Ice Cream15

FACTORY ACT

Premises in the Factory Register
at the end of the year36

6 Informal Notices have been served and complied with.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health,
(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspec- tions (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecu- ted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	20	31	2	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	16	38	4	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	-
Total		36	69	6	-	

THE HISTORY OF THE

REIGN OF

CHARLES THE FIRST

BY

JOHN BURNET

OF LINCOLN

IN TWO VOLUMES

VOLUME THE SECOND

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Particulars	M/c line No.	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecu- tions were inst- ituted.	M/c line No.
		Found	Reme- died	To H.M. Inspec- tor	Referred By H.M. Inspec- tor		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of clean- liness	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences	9						
(a) insufficient		1	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	1	1	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relat- ing to Outwork)	12	4	4	-	-	-	-
Total	60	6	6	-	-	-	-

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis)

	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	7	2	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-
Measles	8	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis)	1	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

	Scarlet Fever		Pneumonia		Erysip- elas		Measles		Whooping Cough		Acute Polio- myelitis	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

	Scarlet Fever		Pneumonia		Erysip- elas		Measles		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomye- litis.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 2 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-
3 - 4 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	3	4	-	1	1	-	6	2	2	1	-	1

Last year's low record in the incidence of infectious diseases has even been improved upon. It will be noticed that no cases of diphtheria have been reported.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

Cases are admitted to Peterborough Isolation Hospital. Accommodation has been adequate.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The County Council, as Local Health Authority provide a free immunisation service by School Medical Officers and by General Practitioners.

CANCER

Number of deaths from cancer 6

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the age, sex and type of diseases among new cases notified, together with the details of death from this cause.

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp.		Non-Resp		Resp.		Non-Resp	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15 - 25 yrs.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 "	1	1(Tran-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 "	1	fer)	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Clerk of the Council the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector and his deputy, and my secretary for their ready co-operation in supplying details for this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. ANLEY HAWES,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

July 1950

